

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, June 18,
1781, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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Fredericksbg. June 18. 1781.

Dear Sir

I some time since address'd a letter to you from a small estate of mine in King George whither I had retir'd to avoid the enemy from the one I lately dispos'd of on the Patommack river. I had then the pleasure to congratulate you on yr. safe retreat from Richmd to Charlottesville & anticipated the joy yr. self & family must have felt on yr. arrival at Montichello from wh. the misfortune of the times has long separated you. I lament yr. felicity on that head was of but short duration. I hope howe'er that neither yrself nor Mrs. Jefferson has sustain'd injury from these obtrusions of the enemy. In former I advis'd you I wod. not stay at home in the present state of the country & shod. be happy to bear some part in her defence. For that purpose I sate out to join the Marquis' Army to act in any line either himself or Council wod. employ me in. Being confin'd here some few days with small indisposition Gen'l Weedon has requested me to sit out his Evg. to manage the Brittish flag on its way to Alexandria. So soon as I disengage myself from this affair, I shall join the army & serve till the enemy leave this State. I earnestly wish to leave the Continent & shall not alter my plan unless our publick affairs change materially. Whither you continue in your determination to retire from office I hope to see both yrself & family in the course of the year. If we ... & in the former instance I shod. find you at Stanton on my

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way to the Springs. Otherwise God knows where we shall be. Be so kind as to make my best respects to Mrs. Jefferson & believe me with the greatest esteem & regard yr. friend & servant,

Jas. Monroe

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